



City of Cambridge



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IN CITY COUNCIL
June 12, 2006

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS:** It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that on March 16, 2006, Verizon filed a rulemaking petition with the Cable Division of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE); and
- WHEREAS:** Verizon's petition proposes extremely unreasonable rules; and
- WHEREAS:** The proposed rules would require a municipality to hold a public hearing on an initial cable television license application within 60 days of the application filing, and would allow only 30 days from the time of the public hearing for the municipality to approve or disapprove the application, and issue the actual license in case of approval; and
- WHEREAS:** It is impossible to conclude a proper initial license application review, negotiation, license drafting and issuance within 30 days of the public hearing. Such an initial licensing time frame would be untenable in the best of circumstances, and is particularly untenable now in light of the many questions of first impression and complex issues raised by the non-standard terms and conditions commonly reported to be included in Verizon-proposed cable licenses; and
- WHEREAS:** The existing license timetables constitute a fair and reasonable licensing process and have worked well for decades; they should not be changed at the behest of a single proponent; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the City Council go on record expressing its strong opposition to Verizon's March 16, 2006 rulemaking petition filed with DTE; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Department of Telecommunications and Energy to be included as a public comment in the hearing process; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Massachusetts legislative delegation to the State House and Governor Mitt Romney.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

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